GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ADULTERATION IN PETROL
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, `dirty oil charges unfair? IOC, NGO slug it out - Adulteration is a profitable venture` appearing in the Time of India dated March 16, 2002; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to protect the financial interest of the consumers at the selling of adulterated petrol etc. to them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS` PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Steps such as blue dyeing of PDS Kerosene, periodical inspection of the retail outlets, introduction of tamper proof locking system for tanker-trucks, special vigilance drives, etc. are taken by the Oil Marketing Companies.Action is taken by the Companies against erring dealers under the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement. Also, under the provisions of the `Kerosene (Restriction on Use and Fixation of Ceiling Price) Order, 1993`, Oil Companies and State Governments can initiate action against any dealer indulging in adulteration and also for misusing public distribution kerosene for purposes other than those permitted. In addition, the Government have also constituted Anti Adulteration Cell to overview the issues arising out of adulteration.